

(5) Resolution by Prof. K.C. Kormcar.

"Resolved that the old French historical documents and manuscripts on French East India Company, French India Government, manuscripts in Bengali and other Indian languages which are still lying in different archives and libraries in France be collected either in photostat copies or in microfilms for preservation both in the National Archives and in the Institut de Chandernagor for the benefits of research scholars of history and indology."

Explanatory note:

During his last visit to France in 1968, the Deputy Director of Institut de Chandernagor prepared a list of old records and manuscripts of French East India Company and French India Government and Bengali manuscripts, which are still lying in different Archives and Libraries in France. According to the Treaty of Cession of Chandernagore to the Indian Union, concluded between the Government of India and the Government of France, the latter Government are willing to deliver either in photostat copies or in microfilms those records and manuscripts to the Institut de Chandernagor, provided the move in that respect be made to them through proper channel. The move has already been made by this Institute, but nothing is heard as yet in this regard. It is advisable, for the benefits of research scholars, to keep copies thereof in the National Archives of India and as well as at the Institut de Chandernagor which is going to be the only depository of all sorts of French books in literature, art and science in Eastern India.

Standing Committee's views:

The National Archives of India has already acquired a large number of microfilm copies of French records, particularly those in the custody of the Bibliotheque Nationale, Paris, the Dupleix Papers (1750-54) from the Archives of the Department de Seine-et-oise, and Nana Sahib's correspondence with the French authorities in Chandernagore, from the Archives of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Paris. The National Archives of India has already acquired from the Institut de Chandernagor, the list of French records, prepared in 1968 by the Deputy Director of the Institute. This list is being examined and microfilm copies of these records and documents in France, which have not so far been obtained, will be acquired.

D. Private Records and Regional Records Survey Committees etc.

(6) Resolution by Dr. Jata Shankar Jha

"That the recommendation of the Tara Chand Committee for monetary aid and technical advice to the owners of private archives (Para 185) be accepted by the Government of India and given urgent effect to."

Explanatory note:

The explanation for the suggestion has already been given by the Committee in its report. It may, however, be mentioned that the recommendation of the Committee was based on the State of affairs existing in private archives a decade back. Since then their state of preservation has further deteriorated and they urgently need care and attention on our part.